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Via DelaFile

September 28, 2015

Ms. Donna L. Nickerson, Secretary Delaware Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Suite 100 Dover, Delaware 19904

Dear Ms. Nickerson:

RE: Artesian Water Company, Inc. CPCN Application-Palau

Enclosed please find a CPCN Application filed on behalf of Artesian Water Company, Inc. to provide water service to 1 parcel located in Sussex County. AWC paid the required \$300 application fee electronically through the Commission's electronic portal *Delafile*.

Please feel free to contact me at (302) 453-6995 should you have any questions regarding this application.

Sincerely,

David L. Valcarenghi

Manager of Rates and Regulation

David L. Valcarengo

John Barndt, DNREC, Division of Water Resources- via email cc:

Grover Ingle, Delaware State Fire Marshall's Office

Constance Holland, Delaware Office of State Planning

Richard Killingsworth, New Castle County Planning Board

Edward Hallock, DHSS, Division of Public Health David Bonar, Delaware Division of the Public Advocate

#### BEFORE THE DELAWARE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

This application is filed consistent with the requirements of Delaware Code 26 <u>Del. C.</u> §203C.

Type of Utility Service: Water Service

#### I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

A). Full legal name and address of Applicant:

#### ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. ("AWC") 664 CHURCHMANS ROAD NEWARK, DE 19702

B). Utility Contact: DAVID L. VALCARENGHI
C). Phone No.: (302) 453-6995
D). Fax No.: (302) 369-4041

E). Email: <u>dvalcarenghi@artesianwater.com</u>

#### II. BASIS FOR APPLICATION

A.	The Applicant is in possession of a signed service agreement with the developer of a proposed subdivision or development, which subdivision or development has been duly approved by the respective county government. (26 <u>Del.</u> <u>C.</u> § 203C (e) (1) (b) (1)).			
X_B.	X_B. The Applicant has one or more petitions requesting water service from applicant executed by the landowners of record of each parcel or proposed territory to be served.  (26 <u>Del. C.</u> § 203C (e) (1) (b) (2)).			
C.	The Applicant, in the case of existing development, subdivision, or generally recognized unincorporated community has one or more petitions requesting water service from the applicant executed by the landowners of record of parcels and properties that constitute a majority of the parcels or properties in the existing development, subdivision, or unincorporated community. (26 <u>Del.</u> <u>C.</u> § 203C (e) (1) (b) (3)).			
D.	The Applicant possess a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance from the governing body of a municipality that requests, directs, or authorizes			

the applicant to provide water services to the proposed territory to be

served, which must be located within the boundary of such county and municipality. (26 <u>Del.</u> C. § 203C((e)(1)(b)(4))

#### III. PROCEDURE

A. Artesian Water Company, Inc. (AWC) requests that this application be reviewed pursuant to an informal fact finding procedure.

#### IV. PETITIONS FOR UTILITY SERVICE

- A. Customer Petitions requesting Service- Exhibit A
- B. Customer Notifications of CPCN Application- Exhibit B
- C. Proposed Parcels Included in CPCN- Exhibit C
- D. AWC Certification of Information Accuracy- Exhibit D

#### V. IDENTIFICATION OF PARCELS

- A. Application includes one situated in New Castle County, Delaware
  - 1. The specific parcel is identified on Exhibit C
  - 2. The parcel is a residential, single dwelling and lot located in Sussex County.
- B. Water service will be provided through the extension of an existing main located near the parcel. The Company estimates it will take approximately one 8-hour day to install a service and provide water service to customer via AWC's system. The timetable for providing service to the property is subject to the control of the owner/customer, accordingly the Company is unable to estimate said timetable.
- C. Tax Maps Exhibit C.

#### VI. FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES

- A. Complete details of the Company are on file with the Commission, including information on Company's finances, and operational and managerial capabilities. A number of reports are on file with the Commission that detail AWC's financial and operational performance.
- B. AWC has been in the business of providing a safe, secure, reliable water supply for customers for over 100 years.
- C. AWC is an affiliate of Artesian Resources Corporation. Information that details the organizational structure of ARC and affiliates is on file with the Commission.
- D. AWC currently serves approximately 81,000 customers throughout the state of Delaware.

- E. AWC facilities are operated by fully licensed operators that have operated in full compliance with applicable federal and state rules, regulations, and laws.
- F. AWC provides water service at all times to present customers of at least the minimum water pressure threshold of 25 pounds. AWC states that it will provide service to the parcel that meet or exceed the water pressure guidelines.
- G. AWC provides superior service and is not subject to any orders from the Commission that found that the Company materially failed to provide adequate or proper safe water services to existing customers.
- H. AWC is not subject to a ruling, decision or finding from DNREC or any other regulatory authority that found the Company materially failed to comply with applicable safe drinking water or water quality standards.

#### VII. OTHER

- A. AWC's CPCN Application is fully consistent with prior Commission decisions.
- B. This CPCN has been forwarded, for informational purposes, to the following parties:
  - 1. John Barndt, DNREC, Division of Water Resources- via email
  - 2. Grover Ingle, Delaware State Fire Marshall's Office
  - 3. Dorothy Morris, Delaware Office of State Planning
  - 4. John Ashman, Sussex County Engineering Department
  - 5. Edward Hallock, Delaware Department of Public Health
  - 6. David Bonar, Delaware Division of the Public Advocate

Respectfully Submitted,

David B. Spacht

Artesian Water Company, Inc.

Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

	STATE OF DELAWARE )
	COUNTY OF NEW (ASTLE ) SS
	On this day of Jethon, 20/5, personally came before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, David B. Spacht, the CFO and Treasurer of Artesian Water Company, Inc. known to me personally to be such or having presented to me satisfactory evidence of identity, and acknowledged this document to be his act and deed and the act and deed of such corporation, that the signature of such individual is in his own proper handwriting, and that the facts set forth in this application are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.  Signature of individual
	Printed Name
	SIGNED AND SWORN (OR AFFIRMED) before me on this day of
(	September, 2015
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	Signature of Delaware Notarial Officer  Title (e.g., Notary Public)  My Commission Expires:
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## **EXHIBIT A**

# **Artesian Water Company Water Service Petition**

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We the undersigned, request to be included in the water service territory of Artesian Water Company, Inc. for the following property in Sussex County, Delaware.

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Property Description:	Misc A/C Sussex County, Edgewater Acres Hayes Ave Lot
Property Owner(s):	Palau, Manuel & Gladys
Signature! (amolf )	Date: 8/23/15  by MAP (attorney
Printed:Manuel Palau	of Mar Colorney
Address:4701 Fordham Ro	l., College Park, MD 20740Telephone 301-277-2823
Ci agatuga	Title: Mrs Date: 8 23 15
Signature:	
Printed: Gladys Palau_	Gladys Valan
Address:4701 Fordham Ro	College Park, MD 20740 Telephone 301-277-2823

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS PETITION MY PROPERTY MAY HAVE TO REMAIN IN ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC'S SERVICE TERRITORY PERMANENTLY. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IT MAY AFFECT MY ABILITY TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR A NEW WELL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AT (302) 736-7500 (in Delaware, call 800-282-8574).

Return to Artesian Water Company, Inc. 664 Churchmans Road Newark, DE 19702 Attn: Lauri A. Major

Parcel Nos .







**Visitors** 

<u>Business</u>

Services

#### Name Search

Citizens

Government

#### Sussex County, Delaware - Zoning and Sales Information

#### PROPERTY DETAILS

- General Information
- Appraisal & Assessment Info
- · Sales Info
- · Map of Property

#### **General Information**

#### District-Map-Parcel:

5-33 20.18 197.00

#### Owner(s) Names:

PALAU, MANUEL & GLADYS

#### **Property Legal Description:**

**EDGEWATER ACRES** HAYES AVE LOT 13

#### Billing Address:

4701 FORDHAM RD COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740

#### Land Use:

Residential, Single dwelling & lot

#### Zoning:

Agricultural/Residential

#### Town/Municipality:

-No Town or Municipality Specified-

#### Fire District(s):

Roxana Fire District

#### Tax Ditch(es):

-No Ditch Records-

#### Sewer/Water

#### District:

Fenwick Island

#### Watershed:

**CHINCOTEAGUE** 

#### GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

- I, Manuel Palau, the undersigned, of 4701 Fordham Road, College Park, Maryland 20740, make, constitute and appoint Manuel A. Palau, of 9206 Midwood Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, in my name, place and stead, on my behalf, and for my use and benefit:
  - A. To exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have, or may subsequently acquire the legal right, power or capacity to exercise or perform, in connection with, arising from or relating to any person, item, transaction, business, real or personal property, tangible or intangible thing or any matter whatsoever;
  - B. To request, ask, demand, sue for, recover, collect, receive and hold and possess all such sums of money, debts, dues, commercial paper, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, notes, interests, stock certificates, bonds, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension and retirement benefits, insurance benefits and proceeds, documents of title, choses in action, real and personal property, and intangible and tangible rights and demands, liquidated or unliquidated, as now are, or shall subsequently become, owned by, or due, owing, payable or belonging to, me, or in which I have or may subsequently acquire interest, to have, use and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies, procedures and writs in my name for their collection and recovery, and to adjust, sell, compromise and agree for them, and to make, execute and deliver for me, on my behalf, and in my name, all endorsements, releases, receipts or other sufficient discharges for them;
  - C. To lease, purchase, exchange and acquire, and to agree, bargain and contract for the lease, purchase, exchange and acquisition of, and to accept, take, receive and possess any real or personal property, tangible or intangible rights or interests, on such terms and conditions, and under such covenants, as attorney-in-fact shall deem proper;
  - D. To maintain, repair, improve, manage, insure, rent, lease, sell, convey, subject to liens, mortgage, subject to deeds of trust and hypothecate, and in any way or manner deal with any part of any real or personal property, tangible or intangible rights or interests, that I now own or may subsequently acquire, in my behalf, and in my name and under such terms and conditions, and under such covenants, as attorney-in-fact shall deem proper;
  - E. To conduct, engage in and transact any and all lawful business of whatever nature or kind, on my behalf, and in my name;
  - F. To make, receive, sign, endorse, execute, acknowledge, deliver and possess such applications, contracts, agreements, options, covenants, conveyances, deeds, trust deeds, security agreements, bills of sale, leases, mortgages,

assignments, insurance policies, bills of lading, warehouse receipts, documents of title, bills, bonds, debentures, checks, drafts, bills of exchange, letters of credit, notes, stock certificates, proxies, warrants, commercial paper, receipts, withdrawal receipts and deposit instruments relating to accounts or deposits in, or certificates of deposit of, banks, savings and loan or other institutions or associations, proofs of loss, evidence of debts, releases, satisfaction of mortgages, liens, judgments, or security agreements and other debts and obligations, and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers granted.

I grant to my attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do, take and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, proper or necessary to be done, in the exercise of any of the rights and powers granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution, revocation, ratifying and confirming all that attorney-in-fact, or a substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers granted.

This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general power of attorney. The enumeration of specific items, rights, acts or powers is not intended to, nor does it. limit or restrict, and is not to be construed or interpreted as limiting or restricting the general powers granted to attorney-in-fact.

The rights, powers and authority of attorney-in-fact granted shall commence and be in full force and effect as of the date set forth below. Such rights, powers and authority shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by the undersigned, in a writing signed by me.

State of Maryland, Prince George's County, to wit: I hereby certify, that on this

day of muy, in the year 2004, before the subscriber, personally appeared Manuel Palau, and acknowledged the

foregoing General Power of Attorney to be his act.

VIRGINIA L. P NOTARY PUBLIC - MARY My Commission Expires March 1, 2008

### **EXHIBIT B**



200 YEARS OF SUPERIOR SERVICE

664 Churchmans Road, Newark, Delaware 19702 P.O. Box 15004, Wilmington, Delaware 19850

Mrs. & Mrs. Palau 4701 Fordham Road College Park, MD 20740

ENCLOSED IS IMPORTANT
INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION THAT
AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING
WATER SERVICE

#### YOU SHOULD READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

Public records list you as a landowner of the property with the following tax map parcel identification number(s): 5-33 20.18 197.00

Within thirty-five (35) days, Artesian Water Company, Inc. plans to file an application with the Delaware Public Service Commission requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificate) to provide water service to a new territory described as Sussex 082715. Water service can be provided through a water main extension.

Artesian Water Company, Inc. has included your property in the territory it intends to serve. Artesian Water Company, Inc. is unable to estimate when it will provide water service to Sussex 082715.

IF YOU DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION NOW, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR CHOICE OF WHO CAN PROVIDE WATER SERVICE TO YOUR PROPERTY AND WHETHER YOU CAN OBTAIN A WELL PERMIT.

- 1) You may choose to be included in the utility's proposed service territory. If you signed a petition for water service asking to be included in the utility's proposed service territory, or, if you did not sign a petition for water service but want to be included, you do not have to take any action.
- You have the right to "opt-out" of the utility's proposed service territory. If you "opt-out", your property will not be included in the utility's service territory. You can do this even though others in Sussex 082715 might desire water service from the utility. You should understand that being included in a utility's service territory does not mean that public water service will be immediately available to your property or that, when available, you will be required to hook-up to the public water system. However, if your property is included in the utility's water service territory, and later the water from the well providing your drinking water cannot be used, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control might deny you a permit for a new well if public water is available to your property. On the other hand, if you elect to "opt-out" of the utility's service territory, but later change your mind and decide to connect to the utility's public water system, you could be charged additional fees.
- 3) You may object to the Public Service Commission granting a Certificate for Sussex 082715. For example, you may object that the water utility does not have the legal right to serve the territory. You should review the law about what a utility must provide in order to obtain a Certificate (contact the Public Service Commission to obtain a copy of the law). If you file such an objection, you will need to tell the Public Service Commission why the utility should not receive the Certificate. Please note that an objection will not remove your property from a proposed service territory. To remove your property from the service territory, you must request to "opt-out."

Attached to this letter is a form which allows you (and other owners of the property) to exercise your options. You have seventy-five (75) days from your receipt of this notice to file your objection with the Commission. Although you may exercise your right to "opt-out" of the utility's service territory at any time before the Certificate is granted, if you choose to opt-out, it is requested that you complete the form and

return it to the Public Service Commission at the address listed below within seventy-five (75) days from the date you receive this notice:

Delaware Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Suite 100 Dover, Delaware 19904

If you want to "opt-out" or object, you must send the completed form to the Public Service Commission, even if you already informed the utility of your intent to "opt-out" or object.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Public Service Commission at (302) 736-7500 (in Delaware, call 800-282-8574).

#### PROPERTY OWNEROPT-OUT/OBJECT FORM

Delaware Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Suite 100 Dover, Delaware 19904

Dear Delaware Public Service Commission:

I/We are the recorded property owner(s), according to current tax records, for the following property/properties: 5-33 20.18 197.00

We received a notice from Artesian Water Company, Inc. that it plans to file an application with the Delaware Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificate) to provide water service to a proposed service territory described by Artesian Water Company, Inc. as Sussex 082715 (hereafter, "Proposed Service Territory").

As permitted by applicable law, I hereby opt-out of Artesian Water Company, Inc.'s proposed service territory. I understand that by opting out of the Proposed Service Territory, I may be charged additional fees if I later change my mind and choose to be included in the Proposed Service Territory and receive water service from Artesian Water Company, Inc.							
Convenience and Necessam not merely objecting as permitted by electing Company, Inc. to provid	sity. I understand that by objecting to being included in the Proposed S to opt out above), but rather am obj	ny, Inc.'s application for the Certificate of Public to the Artesian Water Company, Inc.'s application I Service Territory (in which case, I may merely opt out ecting to the Commission authorizing Artesian Water hin the Proposed Service Territory, including, but not s follows:					
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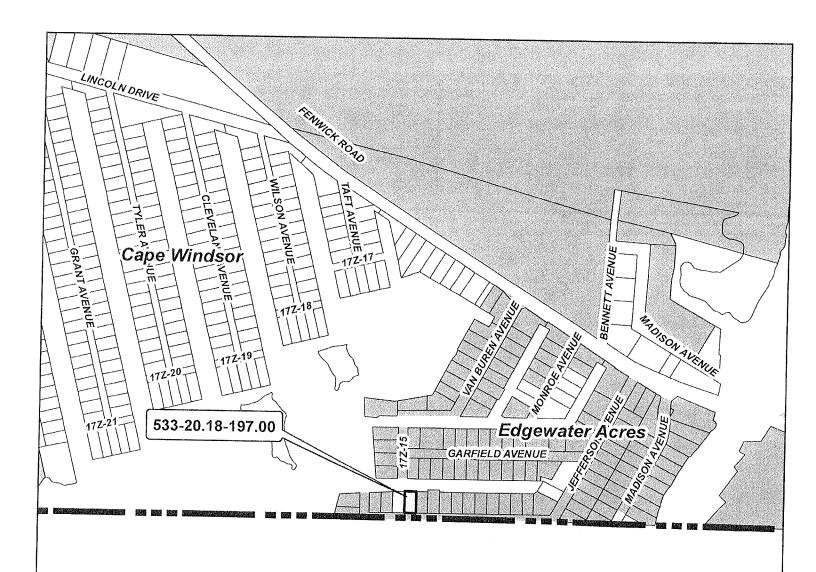
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## **EXHIBIT C**

ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. Palau Parcel Proposed Parcel Included in CPCN Application

PROPERTY	ADDRESS	Edgewater Acres Hayes Ave Lot # 13
	ZIP	20740
	STATE	I MD
3 ADDRESS	CITY	College Par
MAILING	STREET	4701 Fordham Rd
OWNER	NAME	Sussex Count
PARCEL	П	533-20.18-197.00



Worcester County, MD





#### Certification of Landowner Information Accuracy

I certify that I received appropriate tax or land documents which verify that the individuals in this Application are either landowners of record or agents authorized to act on behalf of entities that control the parcel(s) included in this CPCN Application. I certify that the petitions to provide water service to parcel(s) noted in this Application have been signed by landowners or by dually authorized agents.

David L. Valcarenghi